

REMARKS

This amendment is a response to the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2005.

In that action the examiner objects to the drawings and claim 7 on the basis that the drawings do not show a space for an auxiliary power source. The examiner rejects claims 1-4 and 6-14 under 35 USC § 102(b) as anticipated by Chang US Patent No. 6,186,638, he objects to claims 5 as dependent on a rejected claim; and he allows claims 15-30.

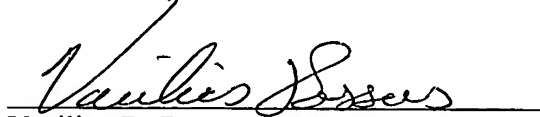
The Applicants appreciate the examiner's allowance of claims 15-30 and his indication that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter. They respectfully traverse the examiner's objections of the drawings and claim 7 and his rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-14.

First, Fig. 1A shows a housing 30 that is essentially hollow. This hollow may contain the battery B and/or an auxiliary power source.

Second, the Chang reference shows a hand tool with an operating head that performs one function and a latching cover 54 that releaseably secures a flashlight having a body 32 and a pivoting head 34 to the tool body 14. This tool is a fundamentally different device that operates in a fundamentally different way than the flashlight of the present invention. It does not include components that cooperate with each other to form a support base for a light emitting member. And it simply does not include a multi-functional tool.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending and rejected claims.

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